

5549. Adulteration of fruits in mustard. U. S. * * * v. Foreign Specialties Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7489. I. S. No. 2703-k.)

On October 2, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Foreign Specialties Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on November 14, 1914, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of fruits in mustard, which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

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| Copper in greened fruits (mg per kilo)----- | 26 |
| Salicylic acid in the sirup (mg per kilo)----- | 58.6 |
| Character of sample: Whole fruit and sliced fruit in heavy sirup in tin container. | |

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it contained added poisonous and deleterious ingredients, to wit, copper and salicylic acid, which may render such article injurious to health.

On November 28, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*